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In response to the Office Action mailed out on January 15, 2003, please note the following remarks:

CLAIMS

Please replace claim 1 with the following claim:

- 1. An apparatus for protecting the surface of a lally column comprising:
 - (a) a cover having a length and a width, the cover having two sides, a first side and a second side, the cover having two edges, a first edge and a second edge, the cover having a thickness of at least one-half (1/2) inch, the cover being fabricated from a dense foam material, whereby the cover is be wrapped around a lally column, and

(b) fastener means for removably attaching the first edge of the cover to the second edge of the cover once the cover has been wrapped around a lally column.

Please replace claim 2 with the following claim:

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